(c) if so, what remedial steps have been taken to save the lives of tribal people in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A programme to eradicate guineaworm diease is in operation in the guineaworm endemic States including Rajasthan. Control activities which include management of the guineaworm cases and rendering of unsafe water safe for human consumption, are implemented through the effected Primary Health Centres.

Shortage of pilots in Indian Airlines

366. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Telegraph' of 17th June, 1986 wherein it had been stated that there was shortage of pilots in the Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) how far it has affected the functioning of the Indian Airlines; and

(d) what remedial measures Government propose to take to meet the shortage of pilots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir. However, the press report is not based on facts. There is at present no shortage of pilots in Indian Airlines.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Acquisition of Supersonic Commercial Jet "Concorde" on Lease

367. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK :

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideraiton to acquire the supersonic commercial jet "Concorde" on lease for operation on the Delhi-London-Delhi route;

(b) if so, the number of such aircrafts which are likely to be acquired and the terms for acquiring them; and

(c) by when these jets are likely to be acquired?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Air-India have no plans to obtain "Concorde" aircraft on lease at present.

Filling up of the posts of Hindi Stenographers/clerks

368. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALICK:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Hindi Stenographers/ clerks lying vacant in the Indian Airlines and Air India, separately;

(b) since when these posts have been lying vacant and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when these posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Indian Airlines no posts of Hindi Sten